

(c) to (e) Due to constraints of resources and priority for high density routes, there is at present no proposal to electrify Delhi-Jind and Delhi-Rewari Railway Sections where traffic density is low.

(f) Introduction of train services is an ongoing process on Indian Railways subject to operational feasibility, availability of resources and traffic justification. At present, however, there is no proposal to introduce superfast service on the sections.

Cooperation from the States for Development of Radio/Doordarshan

5251. SHRI RAJENDRA AGNIHOTRI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have sought any cooperation from State Governments for the development of Radio and Doordarshan;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reaction of the State Governments thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. During the course of implementation of the AIR and Doordarshan projects, co-operation and help of the State Governments is required for providing infrastructural facilities such as land/building with proper approach road, power and water supply and security arrangements specially in the disturbed areas.

(c) As a follow up action with regard to above, State-wise/Union Territory-wise advisory committees consisting of Zonal Chief Engineers of AIR and Doordarshan and Senior Officers of the State Governments have been formed to monitor availability of infrastructural facilities. Cooperation from State Governments, by and large, has been satisfactory.

Ring Railway Line in Shoranur

5252. SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to lay a ring rail line at Shoranur in Kerala;

(b) if so, the total funds earmarked therefor;

(c) the advantage of the ring rail line proposed to be provided in Shoranur Junction Railway Station;

(d) the time by which the work of ring rail line is likely to be started and completed; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) to (e) At

present there is no such proposal under consideration in the Ministry of Railways. Under the Revised Allocation of Business Rules 1986, new proposals for rail-based urban transport projects are now to be processed by Ministry of Urban Affairs and Employment and State Government concerned.

[Translation]

Derailement of Goods Train

5253. SHRI JAGAT VIR SINGH DRONA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that on 16th January, 1997 five wagons of a goods train had overturned after derailment at Anwarganj's Juhi Yard, Kanpur in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, whether any investigation was carried out by the Government; and

(c) if so, the details of the investigation and the consequential financial loss?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The accident was enquired by a Committee of Officers which has concluded that it occurred due to non-observance of loading procedure and examination of the train. The financial loss suffered by the Railways due to this accident is Rs. 4.52 lakhs.

Sub Post Offices in Unnao District

5254. SHRI DEVI BUX SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of sub-post offices in the Unnao district of Uttar Pradesh;

(b) whether there is shortage of sub-post offices in Unnao district;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether there is shortage of employees in the post offices functioning there;

(e) if so, whether the Government propose to open a sub post office at Unnao in the near future; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA): (a) The number of Sub Post Offices in Unnao district of Uttar Pradesh is 23.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise in view of (b) above.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) and (f) There is no such proposal.